CITY COUNCIL

Susan Sample, Mayor Wayne J. Franklin, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Higley, Councilmember Kellye Burke, Councilmember Mardi Turner, Councilmember STAFF

M. Chris Peifer, City Manager Alan Petrov, City Attorney Thelma Gilliam, City Secretary

# CITY COUNCIL ACTION MINUTES

The City Council of the City of West University Place, Texas, met in special regular session on **Monday**, **April 23**, **2018**, in the Municipal Building, 3800 University, West University Place, Texas beginning at approximately **6:00 p.m.** 

SPECIAL MEETING (6:00 p.m. in Bill Watson Conference Room)

Special Meeting Agenda was as follows:

# **Called Meeting to Order**

Mayor Sample called the special meeting to order at approximately 6:31 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Council and Staff in attendance were: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, Councilmembers, Burke, Higley, and Turner, City Manager Peifer, City Attorney Petrov, City Secretary Gilliam, and Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Beach.

Also attending was Duane Barrett, Water Resources Program Manager for HRD Engineering, Inc.

#### 1. Citywide Drainage and Buffalo Speedway Drainage Update

Matters related to a presentation on preliminary findings regarding the City's drainage system and receiving feedback to finalize report. Recommended Action: Discuss findings and take any desired action. Mr. Dave Beach, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director

No action taken. Mayor Sample closed the special meeting at approximately 6:36 p.m.

# **REGULAR MEETING (6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers)**

Mayor Sample called the Regular Meeting to order at approximately 6:39 p.m. Council and Staff in attendance were: Mayor Pro Tem Franklin, Councilmembers, Burke, Higley, and Turner, City Manager Peifer, City Attorney Petrov, and City Secretary Gilliam, Assistant City Manager/Public Works Director Beach, Finance Director Kalka, Police Chief Walker, Parks and Recreation Director White, and Human Resources Director Urban.

Pledge of Allegiance: Collin Gregory, Boy Scout Troop 55, led the Pledge.

**Notice of Meeting:** City Secretary Gilliam confirmed that the notice of the meeting was duly posted in accordance with the Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

Regular Meeting Agenda items were as follows:

#### 2. Close Older Americans Month Proclamation

Matters related to a proclamation proclaiming May 2018 as Older Americans and Volunteers Month. Recommended Action: Proclaim May 2018 as Older Americans and Volunteers month in the City of West University Place. Ms. Toby Brooks, Senior Services Manager

Mayor Sample read the Proclamation and proclaimed May 2018 as Older Americans and Volunteer Month in the City of West University Place and encouraged all citizens to join her in recognizing the value of older citizens and volunteers in the community.

#### 3. Urban Forester Report

Matters related to a report from the Urban Forester. Recommended Action: Receive report from Urban Forester and take any desired action. Mr. Craig Koehl, Urban Forester

Urban Forester Craig Koehl delivered a presentation on urban forest preservation and enhancement. No action taken.

# 4. Statement from Councilmember Kellye Burke

Councilmember Burke provided a statement apologizing for her actions during an incident that occurred at Milk and Cookies earlier in the month.

# 5. Public Comments

This was an opportunity for citizens to speak to Council relating to agenda and non-agenda items.

The following spoke before Council:

- Michael Locklar, 3115 Amherst, spoke in opposition of Councilmember Burke.
- Jay Cohen, 4223 Lehigh, spoke in opposition of Councilmember Burke.
- Robert Grossman, 4103, Ruskin, spoke regarding the AT&T facility.
- Stan McCandless, spoke in support of Councilmember Burke.
- Sally McCandless, spoke in support of Councilmember Burke.
- Claire Furse, 6430 Wakeforest, spoke in support of Councilmember Burke.
- John Tainer, 4107 Ruskin, spoke regarding the AT&T facility.
- Lori Britton, 3802 Marlowe, spoke in opposition of Councilmember Burke.
- Steven Segal, 2901 Sunset, spoke in support of Councilmember Burke.
- Boris Markhasin, 4024 Ruskin, spoke regarding the AT&T facility.
- Amar Patel, 4020 Ruskin, spoke regarding the AT&T facility.
- David Dutch, 3901 Rice, spoke in opposition of Councilmember Burke.
- Alida Drewes, 6112 Fordham, spoke regarding various issues.

# 6. Ordinance Increasing Water Rates

Matters related to approval of an ordinance increasing wastewater rates as recommended by the City's consultant on the first of two readings. *Recommended Action: Approve ordinance increasing water rates as recommended by the City's consultants on the first of two readings. Ms. Marie Kalka, Finance Director* 

Councilmember Higley moved to accept the rate as provided in the ordinance and as recommended by Finance Director Kalka. Councilmember Burke seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** 

**Ayes:** Sample, Franklin, Burke, Higley, Turner

Noes: None

Absent: None

# 7. Charter Review Committee (Possible Executive Session)

Matters related to discussing the Charter Review Committee and possibly appointing members. Recommended Action: Discuss and take any desired action. Mr. M. Chris Peifer, City Manager

At 7:50 p.m., Councilmember Higley moved to recess the regular meeting and convene into Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.074 (personnel matters) of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** 

**Ayes:** Sample, Franklin, Burke, Higley, Turner

Noes: None Absent: None

At 8:20 p.m. Councilmember Higley moved to close the Executive Session and reconvene the regular meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** 

**Ayes:** Sample, Franklin, Burke, Higley, Turner

Noes: None Absent: None

No action taken.

#### 8. Consent Agenda

All Consent Agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member requests in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

#### A. City Council Minutes

Approve City Council Action Minutes of March 26, 2018. *Recommended Action: Approve Minutes.*Ms. Thelma Gilliam, City Secretary

# B. Safe Digging Month

Matters related to proclaiming April 2018 as Safe Digging Month in the City of West University Place. Recommended Action: Proclaim April 2018 as Safe Digging Month in the City of West University Place. Mr. Chris Peifer, City Manager

### C. Quarterly Investment Report

Matters related to the City's 2018 First Quarter Investment Report. Recommended Action: Receive Report. Ms. Marie Kalka, Finance Director

#### D. Harris Computer Systems Annual Software Maintenance and Support

Matters related to the renewal of an annual agreement with Harris Computer Systems for software maintenance and support services. *Recommended Action: Approve renewal with Harris Computer Systems for software maintenance and support services. Mr. Gary McFarland, IT Director* 

#### 9. Adjourn

With no other matters before Council, Councilmember Higley moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:22 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Franklin seconded the motion. **MOTION PASSED.** 

Ayes: Noes: Sample, Franklin, Burke, Higley, Turner

None Absent: None

Prepared by:

May 14, 2018

Council Approval Date